

**P-20 Council  
Steering Committee Meeting  
December 12, 2007-2:00 p.m.  
Meeting Notes**

**Location:** 1700 W. Washington, Department of Aging 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Committee Members Present:** Dr. Rufus Glaspar, Dr. Karen Nicodemus (telephonic), Dr. Sybil Francis, and Paul Luna.

**Staff Present:** Lauren Kielsmeier, Darcy Renfro, Erin Hart, and Claire Parriott.

**Guests Present:**

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Dr. Rufus Glaspar called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm. It was noted that Dr. Karen Nicodemus was attending telephonically.

**2. Review Agenda for December 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:**

Staff reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming Full Council meeting. Changes were made to accommodate Governor Napolitano's schedule.

**3. Review/Discussion-Work of the committees**

- a. **Communications Committee:** Work continues on the coordinated communications plan. Partner Reister recently conducted a baseline survey to gauge general public knowledge and perception of education issues facing Arizona. Reister also conducted three focus groups to test the campaign material. The committee hopes to debut the plan in January.
- b. **Education Alignment Committee:**
  - **SBE update-**The State Board of Education recently passed an increase in state high school graduation requirements.
  - **Alignment Institute-**The state recently signed a contract to develop standards for end of course testing in language arts.
  - **Algebra II End OF Course Assessment and Higher Education Demand and Feasibility Study** – will be shifted to the Pathways committee.
  - **Credit Counts-** a new Credit Counts committee has been formed but has not yet been convened.
- c. **Education Workforce Pathways Committee:** Susan Carlson and Jim Zaharis of the Pathways Committee continue to hold monthly meetings with the Department of Education to achieve embedding academic content towards graduation requirements in CTE classes.
- d. **Teachers Committee:** The committee has met with various community college and university representatives to assess their current teacher preparation output and discuss strategies for increasing teacher graduates, especially in math and science.
- e. **Adolescent Literacy Committee:** The literacy toolkit for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers has been completed and will be distributed with the Governor's Book Program in January 2008. The committee has also partnered with the K-12 Center to distribute 18 scholarships funding reading endorsements for teachers.
- f. **Data, Assessment & Graduation Committee:** Work continues on teacher identification legislation; the next meeting has been set for December 17, 2007.
- g. **Steering Committee:** Staff continues to shape the council for 2008.

**4. Next Steps**

Dr. Glaspar asked that the Council find a way to include community colleges in policy board reports as they do not have their own board.

**5. Call to the Public**

There were no requests from the public to address the committee.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Rufus Glaspar at 3:40 pm.